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1. The East German government has assigned the Kabelwerk-Koopeniek a 1953 plan quota for diamond wire-drawing dies 1, amounting to 11,978 carats. This came as a surprise, since the K&K has planned to produce 4,800 carats of diamond wire-drawing dies in 1953. Figured at an average of 0.4 carats per die, the new quota would amount to about 30,000 wire-drawing dies.
2. In the course of a discussion with officials of the HV Elektrotechnik of the Ministry for Machine Construction, K&K authorities were told that no planned position for diamond wire-drawing dies was foreseen for Zeiss Jena and that the latter firm was only being assigned a 1953 plan quota for 4,033 carats diamond tools. The government officials pointed to the fact that during 1951 K&K maintained an average monthly production of 2,000 wire drawing dies and that they should therefore have the capacity required for the new order. In reply, the K&K authorities noted that in August 1952, with the stoppage of fine nickel wire orders, their original production plan had been decreased by 800 wire-drawing dies per month. At this time the K&K had dismissed many of its special workers in this field. The training of a new worker requires about 6 months. The ministry officials nevertheless insisted that K&K immediately reinstitute a full production schedule of three shifts daily for diamond wire-drawing dies.
3. During 1953 the K&K will require about 3,000 carats of wire drawing diamonds for its own production. This amount is to be included in the plan quota for about 12,000 carats.
4. Over half of the 1953 planned 12,000 carats (6,632 carats) is for the Ministry for Machine Construction.

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